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SUBJECT: YOMIURI INTERVIEW WITH KIM IL-SUNG

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1. EMBASSY NOTES WITH INTEREST MAY 19 UPI DISPATCH FROM TOKYO REPORTING MAY 17 INTERVIEW OF KIM IL-SUNG BY TATEO TAKAGI. ACCORDING TO DISPATCH, KIM TOLD TAKAGI THAT NORTH KOREA HAS NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING SOUTH AND IN FACT PRESENTLY CANNOT DO SO, AS NORTH KOREAN MILITARY, STUDENTS AND PUBLIC SERVANTS ARE OUT IN THE FIELDS PLANTING RICE. KIM WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT FOR PEACEFUL AND INDEPENDENT UNIFICATION "THE FOREMOST QUESTION IS FOR THE AMERICAN MILITARY IN THE SOUTH TO TAKE OFF THE HAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

2. THIS STORY HAS NOT BEEN CARRIED IN ROK PRESS.

3. KIM'S ALLEGED REMARKS ARE INTRIGUING, IN THAT HE APPEARS TO HAVE GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO PRECLUDE ATTACK ON ROK AND TO HAVE STOPPED SHORT OF HIS USUAL CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES. TAKEN TOGETHER WITH NAE-OE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT (REFTEL) THAT KIM VOLUNTEERED THAT DMZ TUNNELS WERE NOT FOR AGGRESSIVE PURPOSE, INTERVIEW INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF SOME MODERATION IN PYONGYANG'S UTTERANCES, POSSIBLY DESIGNED TO REASSURE JAPANESE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF YOMIURI ARTICLE FROM
TOKYO, AS WELL AS EMBASSY TOKYO'S VIEWS ON THIS AND
REFTEL ARTICLE.
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